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SUBJ: MOERSCH VISIT TO URUGUAY

1. SUMMARY. MINISTER OF STATE MOERSCH'S VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO CLEARLY IN KEEPING WITH STATED PURPOSE, I.E. GOOD WILL AND GET-TO-KNOW-YOU. MOERSCH REPORTED VERY IMPRESSED WITH MINECONOMY AND FINANCE VEGH VILLEGAS PERSONALLY AND WITH GOU PLANS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT. HUMAN RIGHTS RAISED BY URUGUAYANS IN CONTEXT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN. OTHER MORE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON URUGUAYAN VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM AND ON FED REP DISCUSSION OF ITS EASTERN POLICIES AND REASONS THEREFOR IN NATIONAL AS WELL AS BROADER INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. MOERSCH VISIT TO MONTEVIDEO STUCK TO ANNOUNCED PURPOSE AND WAS IN FACT CARRIED OUT IN LOW-KEY MANNER ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL ADVANCE PUBLICITY IN PRESS. SCHEDULE WAS NOT RIGOROUS, NO AGREEMENTS

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WERE ENTERED INTO, AND DISCUSSIONS WERE GENERAL IN

NATURE. ACCORDING TO FEDREP EMBASSY COUNSELOR HERE,
THERE WERE THREE MAIN AREAS COVERED DURING VISIT:

(A) ABOUT TWO HOUR VISIT WITH MINECONOMY AND FINANCE
VEGH VILLEGAS DURING WHICH LATTER EXPLAINED IN DETAIL
GOU PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT. MOERSCH REPORTED TO HAVE EMERGED FROM MEETING
VERY IMPRESSED WITH VEGH AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND WITH GOU
PROGRAMS.

(B) HUMAN RIGHTS RAISED BY URUGUAYANS IN CONTEXT OF EFFECT
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE HAS HAD ON
GERMAN PUBLIC OPINION AND ON GERMAN GOVERNMENT. MOERSCH
REPORTEDLY REPLIED IN GENERAL TERMS, BUT DID SAY THAT
AMNESTY'S CAMPAIGN CARRIED OUT IN ISOLATION FROM ANY
COUNTERING OR BALANCING NEWS STEMMING FROM GOU. HE
REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED THAT WOULD BE WISE FOR GOU CONSIDER
RESPONDING APPROPRIATELY TO AMNESTY CHARGES. MOERSCH
ALSO SAID GERMANY HAD HAD SAD HISTORY OF ITS OWN RE
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND THIS MUST BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT RE EFFECT AMNESTY CHARGES WERE HAVING ON GERMAN
PEOPLE. PUBLIC OPINION, HE STATED, WAS OF COURSE IMPORTANT
TO FORMATION FEDREP POLICIES.

(C) MOERSCH SPENT SOME TIME WITH ACTING FONMINISTER
MICHELIN IN ABSENCE FONMIN BLANCO. MOERSCH EXPLAINED
FEDREP POLICIES TOWARD GDR, POLAND, SOVIET UNION, ETC.,
AND ON DETENTE, AND IN TURN WAS PRESENTED WITH GOU
VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM, CONSPIRACY DIRECTED
AGAINST URUGUAY AS PERCEIVED HERE, AND DANGERS OF
DETENTE TO TYPE OF STRUGGLE URUGUAY ENGAGED IN.
MOERSCH'S REACTION REPORTEDLY WAS THAT PRESENTATION
SHOWED GENERAL LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF BROADER ASPECTS
OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY AS SEEN FROM
VIEW OF LARGER POWERS, SEEMMED SELF-SERVING AND WAS
SOMEWHAT NAIVE.

3. APPROPRIATE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN NO URUGUAYAN
AMBASSADOR IN BONN FOR TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS DUE IN-
TERNAL PROBLEMS HERE IN AGREEING ON CANDIDATE. GERMAN
COUNSELOR COMMENTED THIS NOT IMPORTANT FROM FEDREP
POINT OF VIEW BUT WAS IMPORTANT TO URUGUAY TO HAVE
AMBASSADOR IN BONN SINCE CHARGE HAD ACCESS ONLY TO
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